

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Venkataraman Balasubramanian
 Group Art Unit : 1624
 Applicants : Charrier, et al.
 Application No. : 09/877,832
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 For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the December 15, 2006 Advisory Action in the above-identified application.

Following a November 25, 2005 Final Office Action, applicants submitted a Notice of Appeal on April 25, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants received an Advisory Action on May 8, 2006. The time for submitting an Appeal Brief was two month from the date of the filing of the Notice of appeal (June 25, 2006), which was extendible by five months to November 27, 2006 (November 25, 2006 being a Saturday and November 26, 2007 being a Sunday). Applicants responded to the Advisory Action on November 27, 2006. A second Advisory Action was mailed on December 15, 2006. This application unintentionally became abandoned as of June 25, 2006 because of applicants' lack of response to the December 15, 2006 Advisory Action. Applicants have submitted herewith a Petition for Revival pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). In lieu of an Appeal Brief, applicants are submitting herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

Claim amendments begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 5 of this Reply.